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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Bedford's East and West Beach Reopened to Swimming

Lab Results Show Concentration of Bacteria Has Returned to Safe Levels

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Health Department has announced that New Bedford's "East and West Beach" have been reopened for swimming as of 9:00AM today.

Health officials issued a closure advisory yesterday, Tuesday, August 28, 2007, when water-sampling results collected on Monday, August 27, 2007 showed levels of Enterococcus bacteria above the closure level in designated swimming areas. The closure advisories included the area of West Beach from Woodlawn Street along West Rodney French Boulevard to Willard Street near the boat ramp and the "Fort Taber South Beach," located deep inside Fort Taber Park.

The testing results of water samples collected on August 28, 2007 show the concentration of Enterococcus bacteria at these locations has dropped back to safe levels for swimming. Warning signs posted in the swimming area have been removed. Water sampling is conducted at all city beaches on a weekly basis. City health officials will continue to monitor the water quality at all municipal beaches for any significant changes.

Additional information is available by calling the New Bedford Health Department at (508) 991-6199.

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